



# MONTEREY NEWS

DECEMBER 1989



## TOWN NEWS

This month the Board of Selectmen were involved with the appropriating and purchase of a new diesel-powered loader for the Town of Monterey. Bids for the loader were received from Graves Equipment, Harfield Inc., Tyler Equipment, and C. N. Wood Co., and opened at the November 6 Selectmen's meeting. At the November 13 meeting the bids were discussed, and the Board advised that no decision would be made until after the November 17 Special Town Meeting, where the townspeople would vote on the appropriation of funds for the new loader. Monterey citizens voted in favor of the purchase and agreed on the specified amount of \$69,000 which appeared on the warrant. The Selectmen made their final decision public at the November 20 meeting of the Board and awarded the purchase to Graves Equipment, Inc. The Town has bought a Dresser 520B diesel-powered all-wheel-drive loader with an articulating frame, a four-in-one bucket, and Michelin tires. The Town is trading in the digging bucket from the old loader for a \$2,000 rebate. The Selectmen said that they did not want to unduly burden the Town so they passed up other models with various cab comforts in favor of the Dresser 520B, which is considered a no-frills machine.

After several meetings with contractor Carolee (Mickey) Jervas, the Selectmen were finally able to approve the amended building plans of Murray Bodin of Hartsdale, New York. The prior plan had been twice rejected since it contained a possible six bedrooms and the septic system would allow only for four bedrooms.

Ruth Green of Norwalk Acres Road was given a building permit for construction of a storage and tool shed on her property. The Board also approved the building permit application of Sy and Doris Graylin of Bayside, New York, for a bedroom and bathroom addition to their home on Lake Buel.

Robert Hardisty, friend and long-time member of the Monterey Police Department, has announced his resignation, effective November 10. Bob has been an officer with the Police Department for 29 years, and he will be missed by all. The Selectmen expressed deep regret upon his resignation.

## Planning Board

The Planning Board held its monthly meeting on November 9 with all Board members present. The Planning Board approved plans for the conveyance of land from Richard Tryon of Lowland Farm to Wayne Dunlop and Susan Sellew of Rawson Brook Farm. The Dunlop/Sellews would like to build a new hay barn and do not have enough land to have both the structure and the necessary 25-foot setback required by the zoning by-laws. The Tryons, who have the abutting property, have





agreed to convey approximately 3/4 of an acre of land to the Rawson Brook property. This is not a separate building lot and will have no road frontage.

Planning Board member Joyce Scheffey invited Jeff Lacey of the Center for Rural Massachusetts to the meeting to discuss various development alternatives. Mr. Lacey is currently working with the town of West Stockbridge on Open Space Zoning. He showed Board members maps that compared a conventional subdivision with more creative development. He demonstrated that a parcel of land can support the same number of residences, but when developed creatively can also preserve a great deal more open space or "common land." He also explained the concept of Designated Growth Zones and Transfer of Development Rights. Basically this means allowing for higher population density in one area and buying development rights from the abutting property to preserve open space. The Planning Board discussed Cluster Housing and asked questions concerning sewage and water infrastructure particular to Monterey.

— Maggie Leonard

### Special Town Meeting

At a Special Town Meeting on November 17 the Town approved a request from the volunteer Fire Department that the Selectmen be authorized to petition the General Court for the establishment of a property tax exemption for members of the Department, not to exceed \$1,500 each. Maynard Forbes, in presenting the case for the Fire Department, said that the tax relief would recognize the contribution of its members and act as an incentive for new members to join. The Department does not ask nor wish for direct compensation, which would in any case be beyond the Town's ability to pay. There are at present sixteen members of the Department, and it is hoped that the number might increase up to a maximum of twenty-four. The greatest exemption at present would be \$1,100 and the lowest \$400. Calls have doubled in the past ten years, and hazards have increased. All three Selectmen supported the request.

The unanimous feeling in the meeting was one of appreciation for the innovative commitment shown by the Department not only in time and excellence, but also in its construction of the firehouse (where this and other Town meetings are held) and the pavilion, which is used for a variety of Town purposes. Opponents of the proposal stressed its inequality, asking why large property owners should receive more monetary reward than those with little or no property. William and Jane Bohn were particularly eloquent in their wishes to recompense all equally. "Recognition should relate to the value of service, not to the value of property," said Cynthia Weber. Others pointed out that members of Town committees are also volunteers, in some cases giving many hours of demanding service.

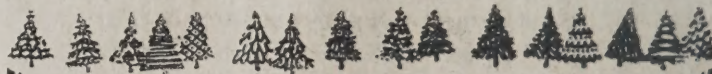
The Town also approved \$69,000 for the purchase of a new diesel-powered loader and the trade-in of the present 1979 loader; a change in by-law wording to permit businesses as well as residents to use the waste transfer station; the acceptance of a Equal Opportunity Grant from the state for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, probably of about \$12,000; and an increase in the maximum income eligible for tax exemption by those over seventy years of age. These four articles passed without opposition. About sixty-five people were present.

— Susan McAllester 2



SUSAN McALLESTER

Maggie Leonard, taking over Town News from Ellen Pearson



## CHRISTMAS TREES

### Lowland and Brookmead Farms Monterey

Tag your tree now and cut it for Christmas.

Fresh-cut trees will also be available  
starting December 1 at both farms  
on New Marlborough Road, and  
at the brown saltbox a quarter mile west  
of the village center on Route 23.

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Mark Paul or Eric Roper 528-0671





CHURCH NEWS

December promises to be an exciting month for our church family with a number of creative programs and events. The entire Monterey community is, of course, invited to attend any of these:

**ADVENT WORKSHOPS:** Children, parents and interested adults will gather to make Christmas crafts and ornaments and bake cookies. We'll meet the first three Fridays (December 1, 8 and 15) from 5:30 to 7:00. Bring a sandwich/snack. We'll sing Christmas songs too!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** We'll take the cookies we baked and deliver them to our elderly friends in town on Wednesday evening, December 20. Call Priscilla Gulliver (528-2076) if you, or someone you know, would enjoy being sung to and visited by our Carolers. Anyone can join us at 7:00 p.m. for a fun evening.

**ADVENT OPEN HOUSE:** Come to the parsonage on Sunday, December 3 (from noon to 4:00 p.m.) and start off the holiday season in a joyous way. We'll share food, song and fellowship. Children are most welcome.

**WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT:** The first of what we hope will be an annual event. See elsewhere in this issue for more details.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** We'll be studying the Christmas stories found in Matthew and Luke, as well as some of the history and mythology behind the scenes. We'll meet on Thursday mornings (9:30-11:00 a.m.) at Eric and Hedy Craven's house (Blue cottage next to the Konkapot stream in the center of town). The dates: November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** A celebration of carols, verses and candlelighting on Sunday evening, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a special time for every member of the family.

**OTHER NOTES:** On the first Sunday of every month we are now asking worshippers to bring a food offering to be shared with our south county neighbors. Canned, boxed and dried food, along with paper products, will be donated to the Community Action program, which has a food pantry to help people in need. . . . A grand thank you to all those who contributed to our "septic system" fund and to Ray and Leigh Tryon for all their work. The system is now functional, and, at long last, the church has modern toilet facilities. . . . Looking ahead to January, the Good News Gang will meet on Friday evenings for a special program led by Kid's Club Theatre. More details to follow. . . . During January I will be in India with the Simon's Rock College music ensemble. Our Sunday worship will feature four of our members sharing their faith journeys during the service.

**STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:** We are in the process of our annual financial campaign. If you would like to help support our ministry we invite you to send your tax deductible donation to us at P. O. Box 182, Monterey, MA 01245. The Church in Monterey is your church. Our ministry is ecumenical, creative and caring, but we need your generous donations to allow us to continue. Thank you.

— Cliff Aerie

TURKEY

The formidable turkey on the front page of the November *Monterey News* was raised by Ellen Pearson and photographed by Susan McAllester. The credits disappeared during printing.

MONTEREY WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT

An evening of musical celebration will highlight our town's holiday season. Sponsored by the Arts Council and the Monterey United Church of Christ, area musicians will perform a variety of musical forms to welcome the winter change of season.

The first act will be Monterey folk artists Anson Olds, Pandora Nickerson and John Sellew. Each an accomplished guitarist and vocalist, they will join forces to perform solo and ensemble folk music.

After an intermission of holiday refreshments, "Critical Theory," a local jazz quintet, will perform their unique style of world music jazz. Their original repertoire blends social consciousness and artistic expression into an exciting musical synthesis.

The date is Saturday evening, December 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Church. Tickets are only \$5.00 and children are free. Additional surprises are in store! So join us for a musical feast welcoming winter, Hanukkah and Christmas.

— Cliff Aerie

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Call 1-800-632-8075 Environmental Police in Boston, or  
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Ask for this region's Enforcement Officers, Fernando Batista or Tom Kasprzak.  
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— Monterey Landowners Association

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## DEER HUNTING

There was a time in my urban youth when mention of "deer-hunting" gave me visions of buckskin-clad men with graceful bows and quiet, appreciative ways. They were holistic hunters, thanking the universe and the deer for providing them with food, clothing, bone for tools, sinew for sewing. Sometimes I would picture the British counterpart: Robin Hood in tunic of Lincoln green, carefully notching an arrow, bringing home venison for his tribe of jolly outlaws. It wasn't until I took my nose out of the books and got out of town that I began to trade in my Natty Bumpo image for the modern deerslayer. The first adjustment came in 1973 when I worked at a hunting camp in Wyoming.

Some of the men who came (no women hunted from our camp that fall) were a little like Natty Bumpo. I remember one who smoked a pipe, helped with the firewood, and made his own bed. But mostly we were visited by the true stereotype macho men in orange, out to see what they could kill, gone a little wild on mountain air, male companionship, and guns. They talked too loud, drank too much, made foolish mistakes, and shot their deer (or elk, moose, bear, or sheep). One man was on his first western hunting trip; he wanted to get one of everything it was legal to kill.

In the Rockies, where there is still so much wilderness, you are allowed to kill quite a variety of large animals. Back here in the more civilized Berkshires, big-game hunting is really limited to white-tailed deer, and the hunting season is only a week or ten days, instead of several weeks. But both here and in the western mountains there are two local populations which depend heavily upon the influx of hunters, for reasons which did not apply in the days of Robin Hood and Hiawatha. Hunting season tides the local tourist industry over a little between foliage and skiing seasons. Out West local men work as state-required hunting guides and of course the outfitters, restaurants, and gas stations do well by the hunters, too. Here in the East we see the figures every year in newspaper articles and columns, telling us what an economic boon hunting is. Even fifteen years ago New York State alone was making \$56 million annually

from the deer-hunting trade.

The other local population which benefits is the deer themselves. The does give birth in the spring, and if the winter has been an easy one they may have twins, triplets, or even four babies. At this rate a local population could double in size every second or third year, quickly outgrowing the winter food supply. With their natural predators, the mountain lions and wolves, pushed back to northern and western wilderness places, the deer would face starvation and the kinds of diseases that hit large populations of weakened animals. Fortunately, deer-hunting is a popular sport which stimulates plenty of research in wildlife management. We have the men and women in orange to thank for keeping our deer populations under control and healthy.

I have never killed a deer. I don't even kill the slugs in my garden or the flies on my window, finding it pleasanter and easier to deport the nuisances than to squash them. In a way I use the same approach to the deer which come on my land, since I don't hunt and don't let anyone else hunt here. If we put up a fence to keep the deer in and they doubled their numbers every two or three years we would soon be scrambling to keep them healthy and fed. In adopting my no-hunting policy I am counting on some of "my deer" wandering over into the state forest where the hunters will bump them off for me. I also know, when I put the houseflies out the door, that they won't make it through the freezing night. I have just sidestepped my own definite responsibility by putting them out of my warm house, to take their chances in the natural world.

All during the fall we had deer in the orchard, eating dropped apples. In the morning their heart-shaped tracks showed they had been in the beets, too, and then the kale. Still, I never begrudged them our crops. As common as the white-tails are around here, I consider it a miracle that they come so close to my house, that I can see them at dawn or at dusk, that they make it on their own in the woods and edges, despite all the changes in their habitat over the years. I could no more kill a deer in the orchard than the dog on my hearth. If the dog gets old, sick, and miserable, I'll take her to the vet to be killed. If the deer population needs to be controlled by guns, I'll send them across the road to the state forest.

Hunting, while not a way of life in these hills any more, is still a fact of life and a necessity for the overall quality of the lives of our deer. I have read it, thought about it, and I am convinced that hunting is good for the deer. What I wonder, remembering our Wyoming hunting-camp days and hearing the annual stories of horses and dogs shot and property vandalized, is whether hunting is good for hunters.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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rainbow chorus we celebrate  
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## PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Linda Hayes** and **Garry Lentz**, who were married October 15 at the United Church of Christ in Monterey. **Karen Hayes** was maid of honor for her sister, and **Jeff Lentz** was his brother's best man. Linda is the daughter of **Arnold** and **Judy Hayes** of Tyringham Road, and the granddaughter of **Helen Shaw** of Tyringham Road. Garry is from New Jersey. We wish them both all the best as they make their home in Florida.

Our congratulations also to **Tech. Sgt. Michael Bynack**, who has graduated from an Air Force major command academy. Michael, a graduate of Mt. Everett and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, is a training development supervisor with the 35th Tactical Training Wing. He is the son of **Paul** and **Vivian Bynack** of Main Road.

We're happy to hear news that **Douglas Brown** is doing well and still flying high after having his first night solo flight in October. Douglas, a sophomore at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, is the son of **Maryellen Brown** of Hupi Road. Good work, Douglas!

Our best wishes to **Father Arthur Monk**. We're so glad to hear that he is recovering nicely in Seymour, Connecticut, from a recent fall he had in Monterey. He extends greetings to all his friends in Monterey and wishes us all a great winter.

Kudos to **Anne Marie Makuc**, who was the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Anne Marie, a senior at Mt. Everett, is president of the National Honor Society and of the school band. She recently received the Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence and the Colby Book Award. She is also a member of the Quiz Team, the yearbook staff, and the varsity softball team. Sponsored by the First Resistance Chapter of the DAR in Great Barrington, the award is presented based on character, dependability, leadership, service and patriotism. Hats off to you, Anne Marie! She is the daughter of **Henry** and **Anne Makuc** of Main Road.

Hats off also to **Kim Gero**, who won an award for reading the most books in a recent read-a-thon held at New Marlborough Central School as part of the Reading Is Fundamental program. Kim, a first grader, is the daughter of **Rudy** and **Linda Gero** of Main Road. Good job, Kim!

Welcome back to **Michael Marcus** of Joyous Spring Pottery, who has returned from a trip to Japan. Michael saw many of his old teachers and had a wonderful time.

Welcome back also to **Joe Baker** and **Bonner McAllester**, who along with daughters **Sudi** and **Cora** enjoyed a month-long camping trip in Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. They visited friends along the way and saw many beautiful places, such as Canyon De Chelly and Chaco Canyon.

Happy Birthday Wishes to **Ed Brosseau**, 86 years young on November 5, to **Benjamin Scutellaro**, 9 years old on November 6, to **Edith Wilson** on November 10, to **Andi Dunlop** on November 11, and to **Jen Brown**, **Gale Forbes** and **Kirsten Quisenberry** (her first), all on November 25. And I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and I wish you much joy and happiness in the holiday season ahead.

I am grateful for your news items. Please drop any news in the mail to me, Route 23, or at the General Store. Or call evenings at 528-4519.

— Stephanie Grotz





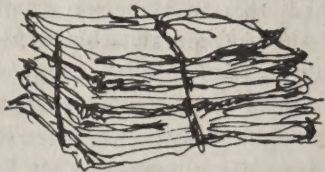
## Monterey Recycling

### MIXED PAPERS



#### ACCEPTABLE

newspapers  
junk mail, catalogues  
magazines  
cardboard  
school and office papers  
paperback and phone books  
posters and poster board  
construction paper  
gift wrapping



#### NOT ACCEPTABLE:

food-contaminated (pizza) boxes  
dirty or waxy paper  
used paper towels, Kleenex, plates  
soiled or wet papers or cardboard  
waxed (milk) paper cartons  
plastic windows in envelopes  
waxy or plastic liners in cereal boxes  
photographs

#### YES:

clean papers  
cross-tie papers with string, or place in paper bags  
flatten cardboard  
staples are okay

#### NO:

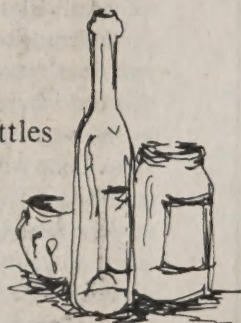
soiled or food-contaminated papers  
wet papers  
shredded papers  
diapers



### GLASS AND CANS

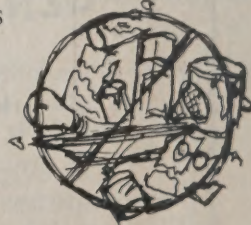
#### ACCEPTABLE:

aluminum cans and trays  
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tin cans  
green, brown, or clear glass bottles



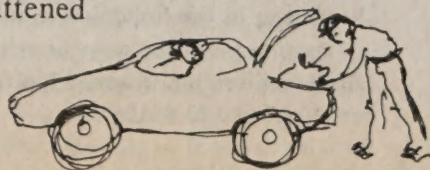
#### NOT ACCEPTABLE:

light bulbs  
ceramic dishes  
window or plate glass  
aerosol cans  
paint cans that are not free of residue  
hazardous waste materials  
drinking glasses  
eyeglasses



#### YES:

rinse all items  
lids and labels may be left on  
cans may be flattened



#### NO:

don't break or crush glass  
don't toss in the paper or plastic bags in which you  
bring glass and cans





## SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Board of Commissioners of the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management Committee met at Sheffield Town Hall on October 11 and at the Egremont Town Hall on November 8. There are eleven member towns in our district. They are Alford, Becket, Egremont, Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge. At the first meeting all eleven member towns were represented and presented their letters of appointment and certified letters from their Town Clerks that their town voted to join the District at a Town Meeting.

In its first business the Commissioners elected David Steindler Chairman and David Lohman Vice Chairman, and appointed Wayne Burkhardt Treasurer and Judith Steindler Clerk. Each town has one voting member and one non-voting alternate. At the second meeting the Commissioners discussed the immediate concern of how the towns might facilitate the disposal of the following non-recyclable (what MRF can't take) items: white goods, furniture, demolition materials, auto parts and metals, tires, hazardous household wastes, yard waste and brush. Volunteers agreed to look into possible solutions for each of the above. A representative from the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) announced that they have set up an 800 number hot line in North County to answer the questions that may arise in the first months of the MRF recycling program. It is possible that we could be included in that.

It was agreed that education will play the largest role in a smooth transition to recycling. To that end, MRF is putting out a booklet which all of us will be receiving; this issue of the *Monterey News* carries a column listing the dos and don'ts, and helpful hints to make recycling easier. The program is scheduled to begin in January. Let's hope it does and work together to make it a success. The next meeting is 7 p.m., December 12, at Otis Town Hall. Everyone is welcome!

— Joyce Scheffey

## MONTEREY WASTELINES

### Recycling a la Mode

You would have to have been on a mountain somewhere to have escaped all of the talk about solid waste and the plans to recycle a significant part of our present throw-away stream. It seems like an age since we began making plans to find a place for those heavy ketchup bottles. By the way, did you realize that it currently costs the Town seven cents for each empty liter-and-a-half Gallo bottle we chuck into the trash can?

But now we're only a month away from R-Day, so it's time to start finding out what we can recycle, and what are the special rules for our town. Almost every town and city around us is recycling, but some places have slightly different procedures, and we would best be sure about local procedures.


Monterey will have a large two-part container at the disposal area for receiving two separate groups of materials. You should have two containers, in addition to your regular trash bag, in which to put recyclable materials. One container will be for bottles and cans mixed together—glass, tin, aluminum. The other container or bundle will be for paper, cardboard, and magazines. You can find more details on a special page in this issue of the *News*.

The Town has a stock of blue recycling boxes to hand out, one per household, at no additional charge to all Disposal Area permit holders. Your recycling box can be used in any way that best fits your needs. It is intended to serve as a pitch-it-in box for bottles and cans—you could put it in your kitchen or some such handy spot. We will arrange to hand out the boxes several weeks before recycling starts.

Good luck recycling! Remember, you're saving yourself and your neighbors at least three or four cents for every pound of waste you keep out of the compactor. And everyone's doing it.

— Wayne Burkhardt





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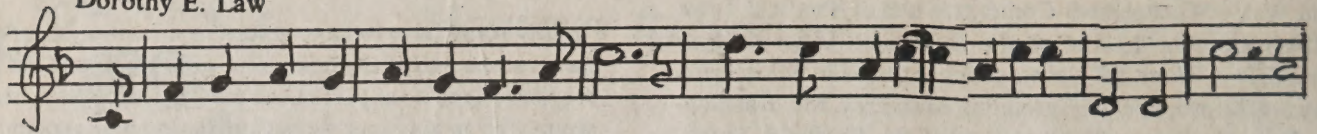
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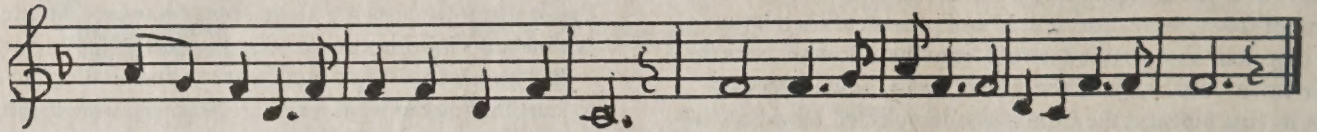
## CHRISTMAS EVE

Dorothy E. Law

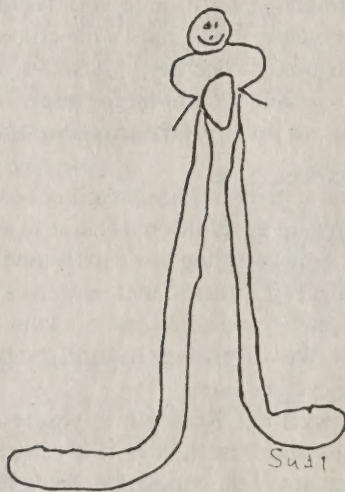
David P. McAllester



*A million points of diamond fire, like nails, Pierce the great arch, until the tranced eye fails;*



*Seeking the quiet street where snow lies white— Soft, soft in shadow, enfolded in the night.*



Ballet Dancer

## SNOW

*The snow powdered our way all day  
But somehow we just couldn't say  
Why the kitchen, cheerful in red and gray  
Seemed so marvelous.*

— Sue Moody

## AUTUMN—PRELUDE TO WINTER

*Into the elm tree tall he flew  
Among the golden leaves of fall,  
A blue jay bold in his coat of blue  
Sending afar his loud shrill call.  
A frisky squirrel some nuts has found  
And stored them away for his winter's meat,  
While rustling corn shocks crisp and brown  
Guard pumpkins nestled at their feet.*

— Eleanor Kimberley



The Rocky Mountains





ELEANOR KIMBERLEY

*Christmas Pageant in the Monterey Church, 1948*



SUSAN McALLESTER



SUSAN McALLESTER

*Two of the prize-winning costumes at the Fire Company Halloween Party: Kevin and Michael Ohman as Zsa Zsa Gabor and the Policeman, and Kyle Hetson as a young dinosaur*



## MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The Monterey Library is planning on presenting several programs for patrons during the coming winter. Our annual Film Series will be coming up in January and February on Saturday nights. We have not yet made final plans about which films we are showing — we are hoping that they will be the sort of movies of general interest we have presented in the past. Watch this space for further information!

The Library Trustees have also decided to present a book discussion series in March. Those of you who remember our last series, "Crime and the Cultural Landscape," which was presented in the summer of 1988, will certainly want to come to the new one as well. The title is "Heroines, Heroes, and Heroisms," and it will contain the following books: *Gilgamesh*, the Mesopotamian epic; Homer's *Odyssey*; Sophocles' tragedy *Antigone*; and *St. Joan* by George Bernard Shaw. It is certainly an exciting collection of books. Just to remind people of how the series works: the participants will read each book before coming to the discussion (copies will be available at the library); at the discussion, the session will be led by a scholar from a school or college who is familiar with the material professionally. The usual procedure is for the scholar to give a talk about the book and then open the floor for discussion. All of the scholars we had presenting for us the last time suggested that the people of Monterey would be able to handle more challenging reading than mystery novels and would enjoy it. I think that is a tribute to the level of reading in Monterey and must (of course) be true. Plan to be there on Mondays in March.


At our last meeting, the Monterey Library Trustees discussed the possibility of forming a group of "Friends of the Monterey

Library." We feel that there are plenty of library patrons out there who are not involved in the library at the present since there is no formal way for them to get involved (unless they wish to become trustees themselves). A Friends group will be able to run programs like the Film Series, or the Book Discussion Group; not only that, but perhaps develop some kind of continuing book discussion group. This is the sort of thing that Friends should do; we trustees are finding that, since we are doing so much in the way of special programs, we have that much less time to do what we have to do as trustees. In most other public libraries, the Friends run the special programs (including the ones I've mentioned, as well as many other possibilities), and also run fund-raising activities, such as the annual book sale. If anyone is interested in being part of the Friends of the Monterey Library (and I know that there are plenty of "friends" just waiting to become "Friends" more formally), give me a call at 528-4723, or call the library at 528-3795.

On the acquisitions front, if you want to read garbage, come to the Monterey Library. We have recently started a subscription to the new magazine called *Garbage*, which, as its name implies, deals with all sorts of waste issues. The magazine has been well received by *The Berkshire Eagle* and elsewhere, and I for one am looking forward to seeing what it has to say.

As we are approaching the final decade of the twentieth century, the library has decided buy a computer to help with circulation, processing of new books, and keeping track of overdue books. Expect the library to be "up" early in the new year.

— John Higgins



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

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## CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Children's Health Program and Ward's Nursery, Great Barrington, will co-sponsor a Christmas Holiday Activity on December 20, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Ward's Nursery in Great Barrington. Children and parents are invited to view the Santa Toyland Exhibit and feed the animals. Popcorn will be served, and there will be no charge for the feed for the animals. We will need a head count, so please call Claudette Callahan to say how many adults and how many children will attend. (528-9311).

Through the generosity of the Arts Councils of New Marlborough and Great Barrington, Children's Health Program will offer free passes for families who wish to attend the Mixed Company production of *Yonder Peasant* during December. The play is appropriate for children. Please call 528-9311 for more information.

Women's Services provides a counselor for the South Berkshire area on the first and third Friday afternoons at the Children's Health Program in Great Barrington. The counselor can assist women and their families with housing, welfare, and court issues. The counselor can also offer advice to battered women and women in crisis or in transition. Call 528-2328 for more information and to make an appointment. Ask for Maria.

Parent-child playgroups follow the public school calendar. If the public schools are cancelled due to bad weather, playgroups will also be cancelled for that day. Most times playgroup cancellations will be broadcast on the WSBS radio station.

Many of you have asked about the Russell House Fund Drive, the home for Children's Health Program on 54 Castle Street. The fund drive is still in effect, and donations will be gratefully accepted. We are appreciative of the donations sent and wish everyone a very happy holiday season.

— Claudette Callahan

## PARK COMMISSION NEWS

The Park Commission and the Fire Company are again pleased to announce their Winter Ice Skating Program. Monitored skating will be on weekdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. for family skating.

In addition, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be adult hockey. Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. will be family stick time. Sundays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. will be a kids' hockey clinic. All hockey will use foam pucks. Adults who have registered and signed a waiver will be able to skate outside the monitored times. We would also like to offer skating lessons.

Once again, we will turn to the Monterey community for their support in making our rink a success. We will need a crew of monitors to serve two-hour shifts, we will need an ice-making crew, and skating and hockey teachers. Anyone with extra components for a sound system should contact us so we can have music.

The boards have already been installed and the rink is ready for ice! Our first major skating meeting for monitors, icemakers, teachers, and interested citizens will be Friday, December 8, at the Town Hall. Please attend.

We are also excited to announce the birth of Monterey's first WINTER CARNIVAL, primarily featuring skating events, but hopefully encompassing other winter activities such as ice sculpture, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding, ice fishing, or any other activity in which there is interest. Anyone with ideas or the desire to participate in the Winter Carnival must come to our December 8 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Town offices. The Carnival can only become a reality with strong community participation. Come and brainstorm with us! For information call Tom Rosenthal, 528-9380; Fran Amidon, 528-1233; Jim Thomas, 528-0542.

— Tom Rosenthal



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## THE NIGHT SKIES

The big "stars" in the southwest and northeast are still Venus and Jupiter, respectively. The arrival of winter is marked by the rising of Orion, ever earlier, in the east. This great constellation, visible from every part of the globe, probably got its name from Uru-anna, Son of Life, a god of the Akkadian people, by the Euphrates. Hindu and classical astronomers equated the constellation with tumult and storms since it appears at the same time as winter's rough weather.

The two big stars that form the shoulders of this warrior and huntsman are Bellatrix on the right and Betelgeuse on the left. Bellatrix, "Warrior Woman," may get its bellicose name from the fact that it supports Orion's bow arm with which he is forever firing an arrow in the general direction of Taurus, the Bull. Women born under the sign of Bellatrix are said to be lucky and to be persuasive speakers.

Betelgeuse (*bate-el-jooze* or *bate-el-zheuse*) gets its name from the Arabic *Ibt al Jauzah*, "Armpit of the Central One." Astrologers associate this star with martial honors, wealth, and other "kingly attributes," perhaps because it was once considered part of a three-star constellation called "The King." It was first observed in 1836 to be quite variable in appearance both as to color and size and on December 5, in 1852, was described as the largest star in the Northern Hemisphere.

— David P. McAllester

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

On November 13, the Commission heard the plans of the Selectmen to cut trees on the bank of the Konkapot River along River Road in order to save the bank from being undermined by root systems of trees which fall into the river. An Order of Conditions was issued for the work, which will begin shortly.

It was determined that, although the ramp to be built alongside the Grange Hall is in the 100-foot buffer zone, it is of no significance in terms of the interests of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Bonner McAllester submitted a letter of resignation to the Board, stating that her reason for resigning was lack of time to do the work of a Conservation Commissioner properly. The Selectmen will appoint a new person to fill the vacancy.

— Ellen Pearson

## MONTEREY ARTS COUNCIL NEWS

On October 28, 35 Monterey kids (pirates, fairy princesses and a sleepy tiger) and their parents carved 36 pumpkins, drank two gallons of cider, decorated 30 masks, heard wonderful stories told by Nicky Hearon and Alice Howell, ate a lot of cookies, cake and Milly's muffins, paraded upstairs into the dark church filled with spooky music, while costumed and holding their jack-o-lanterns and had a terrific time.

This was the first in a series of special events sponsored by the Arts Council. The next one planned is for Valentine's Day. Save the date: Saturday, February 10, 1990!

Who wants to join the Arts Council and help plan this and other events? Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month. Note: there will be no December meeting. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 1990. Call 528-5874 for more information.

— Donna Bartell

## OTTALIE WILLIAMS UNHARMED BY EARTHQUAKE

"Miss Ott" was at the epicenter of the California earthquake but miraculously received only a mild shakeup, as she writes to reassure her Monterey friends.

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## MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange No. 291 met November 1 for a regular meeting and a patriotic program. The recent fund raiser was a great success, and the members want to thank everyone who helped. The winners were: 1) Certificate donated by the Monterey General Store, won by Patricia Holohan from Great Barrington; 2) certificate donated by Ward's Nursery, won by Mrs. Sackett from Norfolk, Connecticut; 3) certificate from Price Chopper, won by William Thigh from Sheffield; 4) cheer, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Butler, won by Ann Vickerman, Monterey; 5) certificate donated by Big Y, won by Carolyn Hirsch, from Amherst; 6) basket of groceries donated by Grange members, won by Richard Carlotta from Interlaken.

Lecturer Mary Wallace gave an interesting and informative report on the State Grange Session at Chicopee.

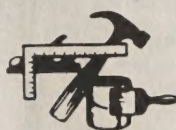
The theme of the meeting on November 15 was "Neighbors' Night." Guests were present from Stockbridge, Umpachene, and West Stockbridge. Deputy Peter Martin presented the First Prize for Conservation Exhibit to Sisters Florence Brown and Eleanor Kimberley. Sister Kimberley also received many awards for her photographic entries.

Worthy Master Tolitha Butler, on behalf of the members and herself, presented a special watch to Worthy Lecturer Mary Wallace for serving as Lecturer of Monterey Grange No. 291. Visiting Granges also presented gifts of appreciation.

The next meeting will be on December 6, when the theme will be "Preparing for Christmas."

— Mary Wallace  
Lecturer

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## CLEAN ENERGY

Interest is growing in how to replace fossil and nuclear-based fuels, because of their dangerous waste products. The Fourth Canadian Hydrogen Workshop, sponsored by the Canadian Hydrogen Association and the University of Toronto Centre for Hydrogen and Electrochemical Studies, met in Toronto, November 1-2. The meeting brought together over one hundred hydrogen researchers, including notable pioneers from the United States, along with representatives from the business and academic communities in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia.

The tone of the workshop was strongly in favor of "hands-on hydrogen," rather than continuous funding for studies and endless paperwork as happened with the solar energy movement in the 1970s.

The greatest support was for the production of "neat" (99% pure  $H_2$ ) hydrogen from decentralized solar-photovoltaic facilities through electrolytic reactions, seconded by fuel cells that utilize hydrogen, oxygen, and other gases. This process can provide direct current power for submersibles, automobiles, locomotives and virtually every other power-demanding sector of our economy.

Given the breadth and depth of the workshops, I, personally, regarded this meeting as a very solid basis for future progress toward a clean energy economy.

— John A. Owen  
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In its eighth year, the Berkshire Community Action Council's 1989 Christmas Elf Program provides new clothing to low income children with demonstrated need. In 1988, 338 children received gifts of warm clothing (and in many cases, toys as well) through the generosity of businesses and individuals throughout our community. The project hopes to serve even more children this year.

Central Berkshire Programs of the Berkshire Community Action Council is now seeking sponsors for children in the 1989 Christmas Elf Program. A sponsor receives a child's name by calling Central Berkshire Programs at 442-1597. The sponsor will be given the child's sex, age, and clothing sizes. After purchasing a clothing gift, sponsors wrap it, mark it with the child's name, and drop it off at Central Berkshire Programs' office at 148 First Street, Pittsfield, by Friday, December 15.



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One special event will be an Iroquois Winter Light Celebration presented by David Parett and Jan Thieme of Monterey's Mahingan Institute. We will learn how the Indians welcome mid-winter, and there will be Iroquois corn pudding for everybody.

Another extra treat will be the Robbins-Zust Marionettes in the famous drama of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Theater-goers, young and old, never fail to thrill to the excitement of clever Jack's triumph over the cannibal ogre.

Monterey's kindergarten and the first and second graders from the New Marlborough School will lend additional variety to the seasonal theatrical fare with a special Christmas skit.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend this community event in which the Church, the Grange, the Fire Company and many others are participating.

— Michael Marcus

## CALENDAR

*Friday, December 8*—Park Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Town offices to develop plans for this winter's ice skating. Any potential volunteers for teaching, monitoring, ice-making, music, or people with ideas for the program, please attend.

*Saturday, December 9*—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller, Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4; children, \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7572.

*Wednesday, December 13*—Community Potluck Supper at 6:30 in the Church social room. Bring your favorite dish. It will be a Christmas party with carols and other music performed by Joe Baker, Bonner McAllester, Kathy Reis, and everyone.

*Saturday, December 16*—Monterey Winter Solstice Concert at 7:30 at the Church, sponsored by the Monterey Arts Council and the United Church. Folk and down home music by Pandora Nickerson, Anson Olds, and John Sel-  
lew, and jazz by "Critical Theory," local jazz quintet.

*Wednesday, December 20*—Christmas Party by the Children's Health Program at Ward's Nursery in Great Barrington, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Children and parents enjoy the Christmas displays and feed the animals. If you're coming call Claudette, 528-9311, so we'll know how many to expect.

*Friday, December 22*—Fire Company Christmas Party at the Firehouse, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tree, decorations, refreshments, Santa Claus, presents for smaller children, marionettes, Iroquois Light Ceremony and more: see notices, elsewhere in this issue.

*Saturday, December 23*—NO SQUARE AND CONTRA DANCE by Mountain Laurel, in Sheffield.

*Sunday, December 24*—Christmas Eve Service at the Church, 7:00 p.m. Carols, verses, candlelighting: everybody welcome!

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